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Present — The President, Appleton, Bancroft, Bartlett, Blagden, Chandler, Codman, J. Davis, Ellis, Felt, Frothingham, Jenks, Lowell, Lunt, Paige, Pierce, Quincy, Ripley, Ticknor, White, Willard, and Young.

MONTHLY MEETING, JANUARY, 1845.

Thursday, Jan. 30, 1845, 12 M. The President in the chair.

The record of the last meeting was read.

Donations were communicated by the Librarian from Rev. John L. Sibley, Francis Bowen, John Low, Darius Chase, the American Philosophical Society, Heirs of the late Professor McKean, Mr. Hazard, Rev. Charles M. F. Deering, and from Messrs. Winthrop and Young, of the Society.

The Corresponding Secretary announced that Mr. Grattan accepted his election as Corresponding Member.

Hon. SOLOMON LINCOLN, of Hingham, was chosen a Resident Member, *vice* Mr. Snelling, resigned; and DON PEDRO DE ANGELIS, of Buenos Ayres, and JOHN ROMEYN BRODHEAD, Esq., of New York, were elected Corresponding Members.

Voted, That the Librarian be requested to have twenty-five copies of the Society's diploma printed. Also, that he be directed, as soon as may be, to cause the books in the Library not already catalogued to be entered upon the Catalogue.

Voted, That a copy of the last volume of the Society's Collections be sent to the Historical Society of Maryland, and also one to the Historical Society of North Carolina.

Dr. Lowell nominated for Corresponding Member, Major E. B. Jarvis, of the British Army, Surveyor-General of India.

The President, from the Third Section, read a letter from Josiah Cotton, of Plymouth, dated "Aug., 1729," and indorsed "To the Secretary, never sent," which is on file; also, a letter from Sir Henry Ashurst to Mr. Secretary Addington, dated "London, May 7, 1695," with the reply thereto, together with explanations. A copy of the letter and reply is on file.*

* The letter of Cotton we do not find. That of Sir Henry Ashurst, and Secretary Addington's reply, as copied by Mr. Savage, are found among the Savage papers. In printing them here, the orthography has been modernized.

"Copy of a Letter from Sir Henry Ashurst.

"LONDON, the 7 of May, 1695.

"WORTHY SIR,—I have received several of yours: what refers to the government, I refer you to my general letter, but your kindness to me deserves a particular mention. I am very glad when the affairs of your country requires your often addressing to Court, that there is a person of such abilities as yourself employed in their service; and, if I can be favored with an opportunity of serving you, you may command me. We are impatient yet to hear of the arrival of the ship with naval stores, which will much tend to your service. I shall take care to get such an order to the Connecticut Colony as you advise. I hope you will take care to get the bills accepted I have drawn on the Governor. I have been at much expense in serving you, and have spent much of my time I could spare from my attendance in Parliament in the country's business. I am your real friend and servant,

"HENRY ASHURST."

"Addressed:—

"For the Hon. Isaiah Addington, Esq.,
Principal Secretary at Boston.

"Per Mr. Madison."

"Labelled by his correspondent:—

"Sir Henry Ashurst's letter of May 7, 1695. Answer sent off Nov. 4, per Thad. Mackarty."

"Copy of the Reply on same paper with the Original.

"HONORABLE SIR,—I was honored with the receipt of yours of the 7th of May past. This being the first opportunity since of rendering my acknowledgments of your Honor's favor therein, which I do with all cordial thankfulness. The bills of exchange you mention in yours, drawn on the country, were accepted and paid before your letter came to my hand, in which I was not

Mr. PAIGE read an account of Richard and Roger Harlakenden, which is placed on file.*

wanting to do what was on my part to further the same. Your Honor is pleased to take notice of my services done for the public, which have been performed in all sincerity and good affection; and the acceptance of my faithful endeavors therein I esteem as a good reward. Sir, I am sorry your Honor has any occasion for a just resentment of the exposing a letter from your Honor directed unto the General Assembly; which is observed in a letter from yourself and Mr. Phips. I hope you will receive satisfaction by the letters from the Governor and Council, how it came to pass, not occasioned by any neglect or unfaithfulness in myself, or any concerned with me. I should not be able to endure the reproach of so ill a thing. I dare challenge the worst of my enemies, justly to accuse me of any falsehood or betraying of any trust in any respect. I write not this from any apprehension of your Honor's jealousy of me, but for my own vindication to any others, and forbear to give you further trouble, saving to assure you that I am, in all sincerity,

“ ‘Your Honor's most obliged and faithful servant.

“ ‘BOSTON, Nov. 4th, 1695.’

[MR. SAVAGE'S NOTES.]

“Explanations of two or three points in these letters would be desirable, but perhaps they can never be obtained in full. On the subject of the ship with naval stores, I find in the General Court Records this earliest notice:—

“ ‘18 Sept., 1694. Upon reading a letter from the Right Honorable the Lords of their Majesties' most Honorable Privy Council, directed unto the Governor, Deputy-Governor, Council, and General Assembly, to encourage and assist the proposals made by Sir Henry Ashurst and Sir Stephen Evance, within one year, if possible, to bring to the port of London, for their Majesties' service, a ship-load of pitch, tar, rosin, plank and knee timber, with an account, attested under the hands of the Governor and Assembly, what quantities thereof they will undertake to send yearly,

“ ‘Voted, That a ship-load of the naval stores, above mentioned, be provided with what speed may be, at the charge of the public, to be sent within the compass of a year, if possible; and that Colonel Gedney, Colonel Hutchinson, Major Walley, and Mr. Treasurer be a committee to procure the said stores and a ship to transport them, and that Mr. Treasurer be enabled to pay for the same.’

“Three days after £1,000 was voted for that purpose; and, on 27th October, that sum, or more if needed, was ordered to be remitted to Ashurst for the payment.

“In January following, a letter from Ashurst mentions the arrival of the ship at a port in Wales. At the following General Court, the statement of amount of naval stores and ship timber that could be annually supplied was made.

“A grant of one thousand acres of land in the Province was made to Sir Henry Ashurst in this year for his good services.”—Eds.

* The substance of this paper has been since incorporated by Dr. Paige into his notices of the Harlakendens in his recent “History of Cambridge.”—Eds.

The Recording Secretary read a letter from Hon. Josiah Adams, of Framingham, in relation to obtaining by the Society the papers of the late Rev. Dr. Hemenway.

Voted, To refer the letter and subject to the Rev. Dr. Pierce.

Present — The President, Codman, I. P. Davis, Felt, Lamson, Lowell, Minot, Paige, Pierce, Quincy, Ripley, Shattuck, Willard, Worcester, and Young.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, Feb. 27, 1845, 12 M. The President in the chair.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian communicated donations from Rev. Drs. Allen and Parkman, Rev. Martin Moore, Hon. Thomas H. Perkins, the American Statistical Association, and from Messrs. Hoar and Young, of the Society. Also, a deposit by Mr. George Mountfort of a quadrant taken at the battle of Plattsburg, in 1814.

The Corresponding Secretary read a letter of acceptance from Hon. Solomon Lincoln.

Voted, That Mr. I. P. Davis be authorized to procure a suitable frame for the portrait of the late Governor Gore, recently presented to the Society, provided that the expense does not exceed fifteen dollars.

Some incidental discussion arose relative to the proceedings in the Legislature and before the Society

touching copies of documents from the French Archives, but no action was had thereupon.

Rev. Dr. LOWELL read an extract from the Journal of the late Moses Prince, a brother of the annalist, relative to the origin of the word "schooner"; and remarked that he should present to the Society a copy of so much of the Journal as is of historical value.

Present — The President, Appleton, J. Davis, I. P. Davis, Felt, Francis, Frothingham, F. C. Gray, Jenks, Lamson, Lowell, Palfrey, Pierce, Ripley, Sparks, White, Willard, and Young.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, March 27, 1845, 12 M. The President in the chair.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian communicated donations from Rev. Messrs. Chandler Robbins, J. R. Barbour, and William Hague, Messrs. Appleton, of New York, Job R. Tyson, Esq., the Massachusetts Horticultural Society, and from Messrs. Savage and Winthrop, of the Society.

The Corresponding Secretary communicated a letter from Mr. Benjamin P. Poore, containing a list of the documents copied by him from the French Archives, and referring to a previous letter, which the Secretary has not received.*

* Mr. Poore's letter, dated "Paris, Feb. 26, 1845," is on file, containing a long list of documents copied from the French archives for the Society, and referring to a previous list sent to the Society, of which this was a continuation. It will have been observed that the Society, after appointing Mr. Poore,

He also communicated a letter from Mr. W. A. Whitehead, of Newark, New Jersey, Secretary of the New Jersey Historical Society, with information of the organization of that Society. Whereupon,

Voted, That a copy of the Collections of our Society, Vol. VIII., third series, be forwarded to Mr. Whitehead for the Historical Society of New Jersey.

Major E. B. JARVIS, of the British Army, Surveyor-General of India, was elected a Corresponding Member, — Messrs. C. F. ADAMS and ELLIS, Scrutinizing Committee.

The President communicated a letter from Hon. John Q. Adams, at Washington, transmitting, at the request of Commodore Jesse D. Elliott, and to be presented in his name, "a medal which he has caused to be struck in honor of J. Fenimore Cooper, Esq., in token of grateful acknowledgment to that distinguished author for the historical justice which he has awarded to the character and conduct of Commodore Elliott in his published writings."

Mr. ELLIS communicated a memorandum in the handwriting of the late Dr. Belknap, sketching the outline of a proposed Historical Society in Massachusetts, in

at the November meeting, their agent, voted to memorialize the General Court of Massachusetts, recommending some further action by that body on this subject. This application was successful, and Mr. Poore was employed by the Government to make transcripts for their archives to a considerable extent, and the papers copied for the Society were turned over to the State, and included in the work done for the State by Mr. Poore. See Senate Document No. 9, for January, 1848, being "Message from His Excellency George N. Briggs, transmitting the Report of Benjamin Perley Poore, employed in France as Historical Agent of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts; with Letters from the Hon. J. G. Palfrey, Secretary of State, and Jared Sparks, LL.D., in relation to the subject." — EDS.

1790, with the names of the five gentlemen who were to be present at the first meeting; * also, a letter from Rev. Timothy Alden, Jr., to Dr. Belknap, 15th March, 1798, containing a parcel of corn taken from the ruins of a house that was burned by the Indians at Scarborough, Maine, in 1676.

Judge DAVIS presented to the Society a Diary of the last century, that was a part of the library of the late Judge Parsons, and stated that he had not yet been able to ascertain the author of the Diary, it being in shorthand.

Mr. J. C. GRAY, from the Second Section, proposed the following question: —

“What is the nature of the municipal institutions of Massachusetts, as compared with those of other States and of England?”

Dr. JENKS called the attention of the Society to a paper communicated to him by Major Shaw, in 1808, containing a transcript of an inscription on a rock in the island of Monhegan, in Maine, said to resemble, in some respects, the inscription on the Dighton rock.

Dr. LOWELL read some extracts from the manuscript Journal of Moses Prince; also, an elegy, in rhyme of an early day, upon Rev. Daniel Russell, former minister of Charlestown.

Present — The President, C. F. Adams, Appleton, Codman, J. Davis, I. P. Davis, Ellis, Felt, Frothingham, J. C. Gray, Jenks, Lincoln, Lowell, Paige, Pierce, Quincy, Shattuck, White, Willard, and Young.

* See a *fac-simile* of this paper in Proceedings, Vol. I. p. xii. — *EDS.*

ANNUAL MEETING, APRIL, 1845.

Thursday, April 24, 1845, 12 M. The President in the chair.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian communicated donations from Messrs. Peter Force, J. J. Forrester, Benjamin Stevens, Theron Metcalf, F. Bowen, Esqrs., Messrs. Appleton, Brown University, the New York Historical Society, and Mr. Winthrop, of the Society.

Messrs. C. F. ADAMS and F. C. GRAY were appointed a committee on the Treasurer's accounts.

The Instructions of Queen Anne to Governor Dudley, 1702, presented to the Society by Mr. Winthrop, were referred to the Publishing Committee.*

The Corresponding Secretary communicated a letter from Hon. John Jay, Domestic Corresponding Secretary of the New York Historical Society, on "the expediency of the adoption by this country of a national name," together with the report of a committee of that Society upon the subject, asking, among other things, for the concurrence and co-operation of this Society in bringing the name before the people. Whereupon,

Voted, To refer the subject to Hon. Messrs. John Q. Adams, John Davis, and James Savage.†

* They are printed in 3 Collections, IX. 101-116. — EDS.

† The following is a copy of Mr. Jay's letter, which is on file. The report of the New York Historical Society, communicated by Mr. Jay, was dated March 31, 1845, and was signed by David Dudley Field, Henry R. Schoolcraft, and Charles Fenno Hoffman. The name suggested by that Committee for adoption was the "Republic of Allegania." From Mr. Jay's letter it might be

Voted, That Brown University be allowed the volumes of this Society's Collections, after Vol. VI., second series, subject to the limitation made at the meeting in October, 1843, as to the number of copies of each volume to be kept on hand.

inferred that the *Committee* suggested "The Republic of Washington," which was not the case. See the printed report in the Proceedings of the New York Historical Society for 1845, pp. 115-124.

"HISTORICAL ROOMS, CITY OF NEW YORK,
April the tenth, 1845.

"SIR, — In accordance with a resolution passed at the last meeting of the New York Historical Society, held on the 1st instant, I have the honor to address to you a copy of the report of a committee appointed at a previous meeting to consider the expediency of the adoption by this country of a national name.

"The report has not yet been adopted or acted upon by the Society, but has been made the special order for the next stated meeting, to be held on the 6th of May; and, in the mean while, it is submitted to the Historical and Antiquarian Societies of other States, and to eminent gentlemen throughout the country, for their advice.

"The disadvantages attendant upon the want of a distinctive national appellation are very generally admitted, but doubts are entertained by many of the practicability of the proposed change. It has been suggested that some of the difficulties belonging to the subject, such as a wide variance of opinion in regard to the title, and the mistakes to which a new and local name would necessarily give rise in foreign countries, may be in a great measure obviated by proposing to call our land, 'The Republic of Washington,' — a name which it is thought might be adopted by acclamation, and which, if adopted, would be instantly recognized and identified in distant lands, and command the approval of the whole world.

"The views of the Massachusetts Historical Society upon this subject are respectfully solicited.

"I have the honor to enclose herewith a copy of the Proceedings of the New York Historical Society for the year 1844, and a copy of the report of Mr. Brodhead, the late Historical Agent of this State, of the results of his investigations in England, France, and Holland, for documents relating to our colonial history.

"May I ask to be supplied with a correct list of the present officers of the Massachusetts Historical Society?

"I am, Reverend Sir, very respectfully your faithful servant,

"JOHN JAY,
Domestic Corresponding Secretary of the
New York Historical Society.

"REV. CHARLES LOWELL, D.D., Corresponding Secretary
of the Massachusetts Historical Society."

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Voted, To present to Peter Force, Esq., of Washington, Vol. VIII., third series, of the Society's Collections.

Mr. I. P. DAVIS reported a list of the subscribers for the purchase of Colonel Trumbull's portrait of the late Governor Gore, which list is placed on file.* He also stated that he had procured a suitable frame for the portrait, within the limit fixed at the February meeting.

Voted, That the President and Corresponding Secretary furnish Mr. Felt, the Librarian, with a suitable testimonial to serve his purposes in his contemplated visit to England.

Voted, That the Corresponding and Recording Secretaries procure a suitable plate for letters of the Corresponding Secretary, and for the acknowledgment of donations by the Librarian, &c.

Voted, That the Standing Committee carry into effect the condition on which the grant of the Speaker's desk was made by the Commonwealth to this Society.†

* The following paper is on file : —

"Colonel Trumbull painted two portraits of Mr. Gore while in London, — one for Mr. Gore and the other for himself. The former is in Harvard University; the latter is now in Boston, for sale, at the price of one hundred dollars.

"The undersigned agree to pay the sums set against their names respectively, to purchase it for the Historical Society : —

"JAMES SAVAGE	Ten dollars.	Paid.
N. APPLETON	Ten dollars.	Paid.
F. C. GRAY	Ten dollars.	Paid.
JNO. C. GRAY	Ten dollars.	By I. P. D.
D. A. WHITE	Five dollars.	Paid.
JOSIAH QUINCY	Five dollars.	Paid.
JOHN CODMAN	Five dollars.	Paid.
I. P. DAVIS	Five dollars.	Paid.
GEO. TICKNOR	Five dollars.	Paid.
WM. H. PRESCOTT	Five dollars.	Paid.
C. F. ADAMS	Five dollars.	Paid.
WM. MINOT	Five dollars.	Paid.
JOHN WELLES	Ten dollars.	Paid.
REV. DR. LOWELL	Five dollars.	Paid."

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† We find no papers on file relating to this well-known relic, the "Speaker's Desk," — the only reference to it being that in the text at this place and at p. 414 of Vol. I. Neither do the records at the State House, so far as we have

Voted, That the Publishing Committee be directed to report progress at the next meeting.

Mr. TICKNOR presented to the Society a manuscript narrative, written by Jolley Allen, a loyalist, containing an account of his sufferings in the cause in the year 1776.

Voted, To refer the same to the Publishing Committee.*

The Society then proceeded to the choice of officers for the ensuing year, — Messrs. MINOT and SHATTUCK, Scrutinizing Committee, who reported that the whole number of votes was twenty-one, and that the following gentlemen were unanimously chosen : —

JAMES SAVAGE	PRESIDENT.
JOSEPH WILLARD	RECORDING SECRETARY.
CHARLES LOWELL	CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.
JOSEPH B. FELT	LIBRARIAN.
LUCIUS R. PAIGE.	ASSISTANT LIBRARIAN.
PELEG W. CHANDLER	TREASURER.
ISAAC P. DAVIS	CABINET-KEEPER.
FRANCIS C. GRAY	} STANDING COMMITTEE.
CONVERS FRANCIS	
ALEXANDER YOUNG	
GEORGE TICKNOR	
JOSEPH WILLARD	

The Committee on the Treasurer's accounts made the following report, viz. : —

The undersigned, a Committee of the Massachusetts Historical Society, appointed to examine the accounts of Nahum

been able to discover, throw any light upon the subject of our inquiry. We are, therefore, at a loss to know what was the condition on which the gift was made. The Rev. Dr. Ellis, one of the oldest members, recalls nothing definite respecting the desk, only that it came into the Society's possession before he was a member. — Eds.

* This narrative was only recently printed by the Society, in the Proceedings for February, 1878, with notes by Mr. C. C. Smith. — Eds.

Mitchell, their Treasurer, have performed that duty, and report that the accounts are well kept, properly vouched, and correctly cast, and that there appears to have been a balance due the Society of one hundred and thirty-nine dollars and ninety cents, which has been paid to his successor in office.

F. C. GRAY, }
C. F. ADAMS, } *Committee.*

APRIL 24, 1845.

The undersigned, a Committee of the Massachusetts Historical Society, appointed to examine the accounts of P. W. Chandler, Assistant Treasurer of the Society, have performed that duty, and report that the accounts are well kept, properly vouched, and correctly cast, and that there appears a balance due to the Society of thirty-eight dollars and fifty-eight cents.*

F. C. GRAY, }
C. F. ADAMS, } *Committee.*

APRIL 24, 1845.

Which reports were read and accepted.

Present—The President, C. F. Adams, Blagden, Chandler, J. Davis, I. P. Davis, Felt, F. C. Gray, J. C. Gray, Jenks, Lowell, Lunt, Minot, Mitchell, Paige, Palfrey, Pierce, Quincy, Shattuck, Ticknor, White, Willard, Winthrop, and Young.

JOSEPH WILLARD,
Recording Secretary.

* The receipts for the year amounted to \$769.45, of which sum \$200 were for admission fees and assessments, \$329.45 for sales of publications, and \$240 for the last note given on account of the Franklin Place estate. The payments amounted to \$1,037.51, and included \$795.83, balance of note and interest to Abigail Phillips, \$40.50 for taxes, \$63.59 for printing, &c., and \$137.59 for opening the rooms and other miscellaneous expenses. — Eds.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, May 29, 1845, 12 M. The President in the chair.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Assistant Librarian communicated donations from Messrs. John H. Morrison, Charles Meigs, Benjamin Stevens, Adiel Sherwood, T. R. Marvin, Professor Gammell, and Dr. Lowell, of the Society.

Mr. ADAMS, from the Committee on the communication of the New York Historical Society "on the expediency of the adoption by this country of a national name," appointed at the last meeting, made a report, accompanied with the form of an answer, to be signed by the Corresponding Secretary as the answer of this Society, and to be forwarded to the New York Historical Society; and it was thereupon

Voted, To accept the same, and to direct the Corresponding Secretary accordingly.*

* The following is the report:—

"BOSTON, 29th May, 1845.

"JOHN JAY, Esq., Domestic Corresponding Secretary
of the New York Historical Society, New York.

"SIR,—The Massachusetts Historical Society have received and taken into respectful consideration the proposal contained in the report of the Committee of the New York Historical Society on a national name, made on the 31st of March last.

"The Declaration of Independence of 4th July, 1776, announced the thirteen united English Colonies on this continent as free independent States, and the Act of Confederation formally assumed the name of the United States of America. In the preliminary and definitive Treaties of Peace, whereby Great Britain acknowledged their independence, they were all separately named, and the name of 'United States of America' is that by which they have ever since been universally known. Before the close of the Revolutionary War, the name of 'Columbia' was assumed by general consent, as significant of the whole

Mr. ADAMS presented to the Society the reports of Mr. Ellsworth, Commissioner of Patents, for 1842, 1843,

Union, and has been familiarized to every mind by two popular and patriotic songs, — one written by Timothy Dwight, and the other by Joseph Hopkinson. The same name was given in 1787 to the vessel commanded by Captain Gray, by which the great river of the West was discovered, and received from him the same name, because it was the name of the ship, and because the ship was so named to represent the nation. The same name was also given by the Act of Congress which organized the District, ordained by the Constitution to be governed by the exclusive jurisdiction of the whole Union. We confess we perceive no adequate reason for discarding this name, nor wherein it should fail to answer all the purposes for which a national name is desirable.

“That this name has not been so universally received and used as might have been expected, may perhaps be accounted for from the political and personal emphatic importance attached to each of the separate communities, of which the union is composed, by its members. A separation so harmonious in its discord, so universal in its exclusiveness, that the social sentiment which binds men to their country is throughout the Union lavished almost entirely upon the State; and that the patriotism of which the whole Union is the object, has little hold upon the affections, except as it bears upon the relations of the whole Union with foreign nations or with Indian savages. The patriotism which embraces the whole Union is a political principle, combining with national pride a selfish impulse in disguise, and a sense of weakness needing powerful protection against the external world. The patriotism of the heart, of the altar, and the fireside is all absorbed by the State. Our primitive motto was ‘out of many, one.’ We adhere by the understanding and by good faith to the *many*. We cling, grappled to the soul with hooks of steel, to the *one*. The sentiment of patriotism itself cannot possess a power so intense in a confederation of States as in a nation one and indivisible. It is not a simple but a divided impulse, habitually wasting its energies by continual counteraction. The allegiance to the whole is always separate from, often adverse to, the allegiance to the part, and there is no concentration of feeling from the circumference to the centre, inspiring the wish to be called by a common name.

“If the name of ‘Columbia,’ thus assumed in the language of poetry at a period nearly coeval with the formation of the Union itself, thus perseveringly pursued through a long series of years, and thus warranted by legislative sanction in the name given to the District set apart for the exclusive jurisdiction of the confederated nation, has yet not succeeded in obtaining universal circulation, such as to supersede the necessity for another name, we cannot imagine any other name more appropriate or better suited to mark its distinctive character. The name of ‘America,’ irretrievably stamped by uncompromising usage upon both continents of the New Hemisphere, is a perpetual memorial of human injustice, by conferring upon one man a crown of glory justly due to another. This injustice will be in a great degree repaired by the universal adoption of the name of ‘Columbia,’ — a name which we are unwilling to abandon, partial as has been hitherto its adoption, and are especially unwilling to ex-

and 1844, together with a copy of the existing Patent Laws, and a pamphlet copy of "Information to Persons having Business to transact at the Patent Office"; and requested that a day of special meeting of the Society might be assigned for the delivery by him of an historical memoir on the Patent Office of the United States. Whereupon, it was

Voted, That the Standing Committee, with the President, be a com-

change it for one associated with no sentiment but with the mere clod of earth, a mere chain of not even comparatively lofty mountains, overtopped as elevations above the surface of the earth, by the Alps in Europe, the Himmalayan chain in Asia, the Mountains of the Moon and Atlas in Africa, and the Andes of the sister continent of this hemisphere.

"If we could ever overcome our partiality for the name of 'Columbia,' and give our own cordial assent to the substitution of another, we entertain some apprehension of exciting a public sentiment tending rather to impair what little influence we possess in the community than to establish the name which we should propose. There seems to be in human nature a spirit of resistance always excitable by any attempt to introduce innovation by authority. About the time when the Historical Society of New York was first instituted, Dr. Samuel L. Mitchell, a citizen of that State, highly distinguished in the career both of literature and of politics, deeply impressed with the necessity of assuming a national name, proposed to adopt that of 'Fredonia,' which he thought had the double advantage of sentiment, of significancy, and of euphony; and the proposition appeared to be received by the public without disapprobation, and even with acceptance. A respectable periodical journal in a neighboring State was called by its editor and bore the name of 'Freedoniah' for several years; and it was commended to the favor of after ages by the claim to immortality of the most voluminous epic poem that our country has produced,—yet all this favor has failed to save it from oblivion so complete that we do not find any allusion to it in the present proposal of the Committee of the New York Historical Society, to indicate their knowledge that it had ever existed.

"The Massachusetts Historical Society, therefore, tendering their thanks to the Historical Society of New York for the communication to them of the report of their Committee, respectfully state, in answer to the inquiry for their opinion concerning the proposal for promulgation of a national name, their concurrence in the decision upon the report adopted at the late meeting of the New York Historical Society itself, importing the expediency of superseding all further deliberation upon the subject.

"I am, with great respect, Sir, your very humble and obedient

"[JOHN QUINCY ADAMS.] "

EDS.

mittee with full authority to make all such arrangements as may be necessary in the premises.

The Recording Secretary communicated a letter of acceptance from John Romeyn Brodhead, Esq., of New York, elected at the last January meeting.

Mr. F. C. GRAY reported orally on the progress made in preparing Vol. IX., third series, for the press.

Voted, That Benjamin Merrill, Esq., be requested to prepare a memoir of our late lamented associate, Hon. Leverett Saltonstall, deceased.*

Messrs. MINOT, I. P. DAVIS, and F. C. GRAY were appointed a committee to obtain any minute facts in the history of the late William Tudor, Esq., to aid Mr. Adams in his memoir of that gentleman.

Mr. PAIGE was authorized to agree with Judge Mitchell for keeping the Society's rooms open for the term of six months.

Present — The President, C. F. Adams, J. Q. Adams, Appleton, Chandler, I. P. Davis, Frothingham, F. C. Gray, Hillard, Lincoln, Lowell, Minot, Paige, Quincy, Shattuck, White, Willard, Winthrop, and Young.

* Hon. Leverett Saltonstall, elected in August, 1816, died May 8, 1845. Mr. Merrill's memoir of him is in 3 Collections, IX. 117-127. — Eds.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, June 26, 1845, 12 M. The President in the chair.

In the absence of the Recording Secretary, LUCIUS R. PAIGE was appointed Recording Secretary *pro tem*.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Corresponding Secretary read a communication from Mr. William M. Porter, of Carlisle, proposing to make a donation of certain military papers connected with the war of the Revolution. Whereupon, it was

Voted, That the Corresponding Secretary be directed to acknowledge the receipt of the communication, and request the transmission of the papers therein specified.

Voted, That the Librarian cause to be bound the documents concerning patents, and those concerning the Rhode Island controversy, presented by Hon. John Q. Adams, to be labelled as "Select Congressional Documents."

Present — The President, J. Q. Adams, Bartlett, Chandler, J. Davis, I. P. Davis, Frothingham, J. C. Gray, Lowell, Mitchell, Paige, Palfrey, Pierce, Welles, White, Winthrop, and Worcester.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, July 31, 1845, 12 M. In the absence of the President and Recording Secretary, Hon. JOHN Q. ADAMS was chosen President *pro tem*., and Rev. LUCIUS R. PAIGE, Secretary *pro tem*.

The record of the last meeting was read.

A copy of "Gookin's Remonstrance," 1680, having been presented by J. Wingate Thornton, Esq., it was

Voted, To refer the same to the Committee of Publication, to report what action is required in regard to it; * also, to report rules concerning the use and publication of manuscripts belonging to the Society.

Hon. J. Q. ADAMS having presented a series of reports on the navigation and commerce of the United States from 1835 to 1844, the thanks of the Society were voted to him for the donation.

Voted, That Mr. I. P. Davis be added to the Committee for procuring manuscripts and portraits.

Voted, That when this meeting adjourns, it adjourn to meet on Tuesday, August 26, at 12 o'clock M.

Present — C. F. Adams, J. Q. Adams, J. Davis, I. P. Davis, Francis, Jenks, Lowell, Lunt, Paige, Palfrey, Pierce, Quincy, Ripley, and White.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Tuesday, Aug. 26, 1845, 12 M. The President in the chair.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian communicated donations from Messrs. J. M. Gillis, Levi Woodbury, Joshua A. Ward, and from J. Q. Adams, of the Society.

* This paper was not printed in the Society's Collections, but may be found in the Historical and Genealogical Register, Vol. II. pp. 168-171. — Eds.

The Corresponding Secretary read a letter from Mr. William M. Porter, of Carlisle, Pennsylvania, accompanying the donation of some military papers of the Revolution, tendered at the last June meeting.

The President communicated a donation from Charles Hosmer, Esq., of Hartford, Connecticut, of a box wrought from the Charter Oak. Whereupon, it was

Voted, That the thanks of the Society be given to Mr. Hosmer for his interesting donation.

The President also communicated a donation from Richard Almack, Esq., of a work by his brother, Barugh Almack, upon the Agriculture of Norfolk. Also, a printed copy, from the Collections of the Society of Antiquaries in London, of a lease of what is now Covent Garden, from the Earl of Bedford to Sir William Cecil, in the time of Queen Elizabeth, A.D. 1570.

No communications were received from the First Section.

Present — The President, J. Q. Adams, I. P. Davis, Lowell, Paige, Ripley, White, and Willard.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, Sept. 25, 1845, 12 M. The President in the chair.

In the absence of the Recording Secretary, Rev. Mr. FELT was chosen Secretary *pro tem*.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian communicated donations from the Rev., Henry Colman, of London, the Government of the United States, Mr. George H. Child, and Messrs. I. P. Davis and Quincy, of the Society.

R. R. Waldron, Esq., of the United States Navy, a descendant of Major Waldron, of Dover, New Hampshire, deposited with the Society the "strong-box" of Father Ralle, taken by Colonel Westbrook in 1721.

A communication from the Governor of Connecticut and a Resolve of the General Assembly of that State were read, requesting that the Trumbull papers held by this Society should be given up to them.*

* The following are the communication and resolve referred to :—

"STATE OF CONNECTICUT.

"OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE,
HARTFORD, Sept. 17, 1845.

"REV. JOSEPH B. FELT, Secretary [Librarian] of the
Massachusetts Historical Society, &c.

"SIR,—In order to make known to the Massachusetts Historical Society the views entertained by the General Assembly of this State, in relation to the correspondence, papers, &c., of the late Governor Trumbull, I have been requested by His Excellency Governor Baldwin to transmit to you the foregoing copy of a resolution, and to request that the same, together with this communication, may be laid before the Society.

"Should that body yield to the wishes of the General Assembly, I am authorized by Governor Baldwin to receive the documents referred to in the resolution, and to repay any and all expenses which the Society may have incurred in connection therewith.

"I am, Sir, with great respect, your most obedient servant,

"DANIEL P. TYLER, *Secretary of State.*"

"GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT, holden at Hartford, in said State, on the first Wednesday in May, A.D. 1845.

"Whereas, it is understood and believed by the General Assembly now in session, that numerous official letters and valuable correspondence intimately connected with executive and legislative acts of this State, during an important and interesting period of its history, was collected by His Excellency Governor Trumbull, during his administration, and which, in the opinion of this Assem-

After some discussion, the President and Messrs. QUINCY and I. P. DAVIS were chosen a committee to take the communication into consideration, and report thereupon.

Rev. Dr. PIERCE communicated a letter from Abraham Hilliard, Esq., of Cambridge, executor of the last will of the late William Winthrop, Esq., of Cambridge, asking information as to sundry "collateral writings" made by Mr. Winthrop, and accompanying his manuscript catalogue of the graduates of Harvard University, which Mr. Hilliard states that he lent to the late Rev. Dr. Holmes for the accommodation of the Historical Society.*

bly, ought to have been deposited in the office of the Secretary of this State, but are now in the possession of the Massachusetts Historical Society; and,

"Whereas, it is proper and desirable that said documents, &c., be obtained from said Society and deposited with the Secretary of this State; therefore,

"Resolved, that His Excellency the Governor be and he is hereby requested to adopt such measures as may be proper and expedient to obtain possession of the letters, correspondence, and documents above referred to, and the same to deposit for safe-keeping in the office of the Secretary of this State, in Hartford."

"STATE OF CONNECTICUT, S.S.

"OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE.

"I hereby certify that the within and foregoing is a true copy of record in this office.

"In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said State at Hartford, this 17th day of September, A.D., 1845.

[Seal.]

"DANIEL P. TYLER, *Secretary of State.*"

EDS.

* The following is Mr. Hilliard's letter. The catalogue referred to in the letter was given by Mr. Hilliard to Harvard College. The "collateral writings" are in the Library of this Society.

"CAMBRIDGE, July 30th, 1845.

"The late Rev. Dr. Holmes, several years before his death, solicited me, as executor of the last will of the late Hon. William Winthrop, Esq., to loan to him, said Holmes, for the accommodation of the Historical Society, said Winthrop's catalogue of the graduates in Harvard University. I consented to lend

Whereupon, Messrs. PIERCE, FELT, and PAIGE were chosen a committee to report upon the subject.

On motion of Hon. J. Q. ADAMS, Judge DAVIS was chosen to write a biographical sketch of the late Judge Story, and he gave notice that he would take the subject of the appointment into consideration, and duly inform the Society of his determination.*

Present — The President, J. Q. Adams, Appleton, Chandler, J. Davis, I. P. Davis, Felt, Francis, Frothingham, Gibbs, Paige, Palfrey, Pierce, Quincy, Shattuck, and White.

said catalogue and the numerous collateral writings to Dr. Holmes, on his giving me his receipt promising to return them to me on demand. In the lifetime of Dr. Holmes, I requested him to return to me the catalogue and collateral writings. He returned the catalogue only, and said that, when he applied for the catalogue, he could not find the collateral writings, but that he would soon search for them and return them. He never did return them. I am now desirous of regaining the possession of those collateral papers, which ought to accompany the catalogue. There were two files of those writings, some of which were short memoranda made by said Winthrop, when he first obtained the information, and others were communications of considerable length made by other antiquaries to said Winthrop. A considerable number of those writings contained more than said Winthrop had room for in his catalogue. The gentleman now editing the catalogue for the University is desirous of examining said writings. You, Sir, are more familiarly acquainted with the affairs and Library of said Society than any other gentleman with whom I am acquainted. I therefore address you on this subject. When you shall be in the Library of said Society, if you will make inquiry for those writings, and, if you shall ascertain where they are, give me information, you will much oblige me.

“ABRAHAM HILLIARD.

“REV. DR. PIERCE.”

EDS.

* Judge Joseph Story, elected in April, 1816, died Sept. 10, 1845. At the October meeting Judge Davis declined the appointment to prepare a memoir, and the duty was assigned to Mr. Hillard, whose memoir is in the Proceedings for April, 1868, pp. 176-205. — EDS.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, Oct. 30, 1845, 12 M. The President in the chair.

In the absence of the Recording Secretary, Mr. FELT was chosen Secretary *pro tem*.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian communicated donations from J. Wingate Thornton, Esq., Mr. Elijah Clark, Major James D. Graham, O. Rich, the Pennsylvania Historical Society, David L. Swain, LL.D., P. de Angelis, and from the President of the Society.

Letters from Messrs. Swain and Angelis were read.

The Standing Committee nominated for Resident Members, Rev. Chandler Robbins and Mr. Francis Bowen, *vice* Mr. Saltonstall, deceased, and Mr. Peabody, removed from the State.

Judge DAVIS having communicated his answer, declining to prepare a biographical sketch of the late Judge Story, it was, on his nomination,

Voted, That George S. Hillard, Esq., be requested to prepare the same.*

The President nominated Benjamin F. Thompson, Esq., of New York, for election as a Corresponding Member.

On motion of I. P. DAVIS, Esq.,

Voted, That the thanks of the Society be presented to O. Rich, Esq.,

* See *ante*, p. 324, note *. — Eds.

of London, for his valuable donation of "Marquette and Joliet's Voyage of Discovery" to some parts of America.*

The President, from the Third Section, communicated some Revolutionary poetry on the destruction of the tea in Boston; also, the Resolutions of the merchants assembled in Boston in 1779, concerning the paper currency; and a printed paper from the Committee of Correspondence, Inspection, and Safety to Marblehead, on the same subject.†

Voted, That Mr. Paige have the use of "Flynt's Diary" for one week.

Hon. J. Q. ADAMS stated to the Society that, by reason of ill health, he had been prevented from delivering a lecture on the history of patents, &c., as he had proposed.

An obligation from the former firm of Thomas & Andrews to James Sullivan, Esq., in relation to Sullivan's "History of Maine," bearing date April 4, 1794, was communicated to the Society; and it was

Voted, That Mr. I. P. Davis be a committee to ascertain the facts regarding it.

Present — The President, J. Q. Adams, Blagden, Codman, I. P. Davis, J. Davis, Felt, Lowell, Lunt, Paige, Pierce, White, Worcester, and Young.

* The title of this volume, which is a *fac-simile* of the original edition of Thevenot, 1681, and one of a hundred and twenty-five copies reprinted for Mr. Rich in 1845, is as follows:—

"Voyage et Découverte de quelques Pays et Nations de l'Amérique Septentrionale, par le P. Marquette et Sr. Joliet. À Paris, chez Estienne Michallet, rue S. Jaques à l'Image S. Paul. M. DC. LXXXI. Avec privilège du Roy." — Eds.

† It is not certain that these several papers were communicated to the archives of the Society. — Eds.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, Dec. 4, 1845, 12 M. Meeting held this day, the annual Thanksgiving having occurred on the day of the stated meeting,* — the President in the chair.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian communicated donations from Charles Atwood, J. Wingate Thornton, Esq., H. Newman, Dr. James Mease, Hon. George P. Marsh, and from Daniel P. King, Rev. John L. Sibley, Professor Sparks, Andrews Norton, and from Mr. Winthrop, of the Society.

An autograph letter from Hendrick Aupaumut, one of the Stockbridge tribe of Indians, to the Rev. Mr. Sargent, the missionary, dated "Oneida, Nov. 6, 1793," relating to a meeting of various Indian tribes near the mouth of the River Miami, concerning boundaries, &c., was referred to the Publishing Committee.† This letter was presented by Professor Norton.

Mr. I. P. DAVIS, the Committee on the obligation of the former firm of Thomas & Andrews to the late Governor Sullivan, reported verbally that he had conferred with the son of Mr. Andrews, who had no doubt that it had been paid. The matter being of very ancient date, and without evidence beyond the obligation itself, no further action was had thereupon by the Society.

The President communicated a letter from S. G. Deeth, a bookseller in New York, proposing an ex-

* This record is headed "November meeting." — EDS.

† This letter does not appear to have been published by the Committee, and we do not find it on file. By the "River Miami" was probably intended that now called the "Maumee."

change of the volumes of the "American Annual Register" for those of this Society, as set forth in his letter. Whereupon, it was

Voted, To refer the subject to the Librarian, with full power to act in the premises as to the present volumes of the Society's Collections, without binding the Society for future volumes.

Dr. Francis had leave granted to take from the Library the manuscript copy of Eliot's "Christian Commonwealth," and to keep the same for one month.

Rev. CHANDLER ROBBINS and Mr. FRANCIS BOWEN were chosen Resident Members, *vice* Mr. Saltonstall, deceased, and Mr. Peabody, removed from the State.

BENJAMIN F. THOMPSON, Esq., was chosen a Corresponding Member.

On motion of the President,

Voted, That the Standing Committee report at the next meeting upon the expediency of applying to the Legislature for an alteration of the charter, so as to allow an increase in the number of members.

The President, from the Committee on the claim of the General Assembly of Connecticut for a return of the Trumbull papers, made a report. After some discussion thereupon, it was

Voted, To recommit the report to the same Committee.

The Standing Committee nominated Rev. John L. Sibley, of Cambridge, as a candidate for election as Resident Member, *vice* Mr. Justice Story, deceased.

No communications were received from members of the First Section.

Present — The President, C. F. Adams, Chandler, I. P. Davis, Ellis, Felt, Francis, Frothingham, F. C.

Gray, Hillard, Lamson, Paige, Pierce, Quincy, Shattuck, Ticknor, Welles, Willard, and Young.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, Jan. 1, 1846, 12 M. Meeting held this day, Christmas happening on the stated day of meeting,* — the President in the chair.

The record of the last meeting was read.

Donations were communicated by the Librarian from Rev. Dr. Parkman, Rev. Mr. Budington, Mr. S. G. Deeth, the Government of the United States, the American Philosophical Society, the Kentucky Historical Society, and Mr. Winthrop, of this Society.

The Corresponding Secretary communicated a letter from Mr. J. P. Tracy, of Williamsburg, Massachusetts, accompanying a copy of a letter written during Philip's War by one John Sharpe, of Muddy River.†

* The record of this meeting is headed "December meeting." — Eds.

† This letter is printed in the *Historical and Genealogical Register*, Vol. X. p. 65, with some unimportant variations from the Society's copy.

Mr. Savage has written beneath this letter: —

"I presume the writer of the above to be the Lieutenant Sharpe who was killed 18th April following, with Captain Wadsworth, by the Indians, at Sudbury. Dr. Pierce can tell. The letter must be printed. J. S."

Dr. Pierce then writes as follows: —

"It was Robert Sharp, brother of John Sharp, who was killed by the Indians, in Sudbury.

"1. The John Sharp, writer of the above letter,

"2. Was father of Martha Sharp, who married Joseph Buckminster, a farmer in Brookline, who moved to Framingham;

"3. Grandfather of Joseph Buckminster, who lived and died a farmer, in Framingham;

"4. Great-grandfather of the Rev. Joseph Buckminster, of Rutland;